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FROM NGOS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC

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SUMMARY: RESULTS OF NGO COMITE'S ACTION ON APPLICATIONS OF NGOS REFERRED TO IN REFTELS WERE AS FOLLOWS: COMMISSION TO STUDY ORGANIZATION OF PEACE-ROSTER; INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ON AGEING-ROSTER; NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN-ROSTER; INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM INDUSTRY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ASSN.-CATEGORY II; SOLOMON FULLER INSTITUTE-DEFERRED; INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN FROM CATEGORY II TO I; INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARIZATION FROM CATEGORY II TO I; INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS ASSN. FROM ROSTER TO CATEGORY II; WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH FROM CATEGORY II TO I; WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH FROM CATEGORY II TO I; INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFEDERATION-DEFERRED. UNITED WAY OF AMERICA WHOSE APPLICATION WAS SPONSORED BY US DEL WAS PLACED ON ROSTER. US DEL ALSO SUPPORTED APPLICATION OF WORLD COUNCIL OF CREDIT UNIONS WHICH WAS DEFERRED. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING MARCH 10-14 SESSION, COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON NGOS DECIDED TO RECOMMEND FIVE ORGANIZATIONS FOR CATEGORY I, SIX ORGANIZATIONS FOR CATEGORY II AND TEN ORGANIZATIONS FOR ROSTER. DECISIONS ON NGOS LISTED IN REFTELS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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A. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS

1) COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ORGANIZATION OF PEACE (CSOP). WHEN THIS PRESTIGIOUS NGO'S APPLICATION WAS FIRST CONSIDERED, COMITE REQUESTED SAMPLES OF ITS PUBLICATIONS WHICH WERE PROMPTLY PRODUCED. CSOP'S APPLICATION ACTIVELY SPONSORED BY US REP AND WELL-SUPPORTED BY STATEMENTS FROM JAMES FREDERICK GREEN, ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO ATTENDED ALL THE SESSIONS. DESPITE VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION, PURELY NATIONAL CHARACTER OF CSOP RESULTED IN DECISION TO PLACE IT ON ROSTER ONLY INSTEAD OF CATEGORY II AS IT HAS REQUESTED.

2) INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AGEING (IFA). US PROPOSAL THAT THIS NGO BE GRANTED CATEGORY I STATUS WAS OPPOSED BY REPS OF UK, JAPAN, GHANA, TUNISIA AND USSR ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED AND HAD NOT HELD ANY PRIOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS. IT WAS ACCORDINGLY PLACED ON ROSTER.

3) NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN (NOW). APPLICATION OF NOW WAS CHALLENGED ON GROUNDS THAT, AS INDICATED BY ITS NAME, IT WAS A PURELY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND ENTITLED ONLY TO ROSTER STATUS. US REP ARGUED FORCEFULLY FOR CATEGORY II STATUS EXPLAINING THAT TERM "NATIONAL" ALSO APPLIES TO ANY NOW-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION ABORAD, E.G., NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN IN JAPAN. REP OF NOW, WHO ATTENDED AT SUGGESTION OF US REP, WAS UNABLE CONVINCINGLY TO SHOW THAT NOW IS REALLY ACTIVE INTERNATIONALLY AND NOW WAS GRANTED ONLY ROSTER STATUS.

4) INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM INDUSTRY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (IPIECA). ALTHOUGH IPIECA WAS ALSO NEWLY ESTABLISHED, ITS INTERNATIONAL CREDENTIALS AND SUPPORTING PRESENTATION MADE BY ITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, FEATHERSTONE, WHO CAME FROM LONDON FOR THIS PURPOSE, CONVINCED COMITE TO ACCORD IT CATEGORY II STATUS.

5) SOLOMON FULLER INSTITUTE, INC. ALTHOUGH US REP INTERVENED STRONGLY ON ITS BEHALF, THIS NGO'S APPLICATIONS WAS SO INADEQUATE THAT COMITE DECIDED TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF ITS APPLICATION UNTIL NEXT SESSION. SECT UNDERTOOK TO REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION FROM INSTITUTE.

6) UNITED WAY OF AMERICA (UWA). IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM UWA REP WHO ATTENDED ALL MEETINGS, US SPONSORED APPLICATION OF UWA FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS. SOVIETS CHALLENGED APPLICATION ON GROUNDS THAT ORGANIZATION WAS ONLY NATIONAL IN SCOPE AND HAD NO CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO WORK OF ECOSOC. US REP, HOWEVER, LINED UP SUPPORT FROM JAPAN, GHANA AND UK, WHICH TOGETHER WITH TWO EX-UNCLASSIFIED

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CELLENT STATEMENTS FROM UWA REP, OVERCAME SOVIET OPPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION WAS PLACED ON ROSTER.

7) WORLD COUNCIL OF CREDIT UNIONS, INC. (WCCU). US REP ALSO DEFENDED WCCU APPLICATION FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS ON GROUND THAT IT WAS TRULY INTERNATIONAL AND HAD ALREADY PROVIDED USEFUL EXPERTISE IN RAISING CAPITAL, ESPECIALLY IN LDCS. ALTHOUGH SOVIETS OPPOSED WCCU AS COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE, US REP REBUTTED ARGUMENT AND CONVINCED AFRICANS TO SUPPORT WCCU WHICH COULD HAVE

ATTAINED ROSTER OR EVEN CATEGORY II STATUS HAD IT CHOSEN TO SEND A REP TO SPEAK IN ITS BEHALF. HOWEVER, WHEN SECT REQUESTED IT TO DO SO, WCCU OPTED TO DEFER ITS APPLICATION UNTIL NEXT SESSION.

B. APPLICATIONS FOR RECLASSIFICATION

1) INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN (IAW). IAW OBTAINED RECLASSIFICATION FROM CATEGORY II TO I WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

2) INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (IOS). IOS APPLICATION FOR RECLASSIFICATION FROM CATEGORY II TO I WAS SUPPORTED BY BOTH THE US AND USSR AND WAS GRANTED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

3) INTERNATIONAL SENIRO CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC. APPLICATION FOR RECLASSIFICATION TO CATEGORY II WAS SUPPORTED BY US AND BY STATEMENT BY REP WHO CAME FROM CALIFORNIA FOR THIS PURPOSE. AFTER SOME DEBATE COMITE GRANTED CATEGORY II STATUS.

4) WESTERN-ORIENTED WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY) AND SOVIET-ORIENTED WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH (WFDY) BOTH RECEIVED CATEGORY I STATUS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY AS A RESULT OF TRADE-OFF SUGGESTED PARA 2 REF (B). APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFEDERATION (INTERJUV) HEADQUARTERED IN MEXICO CITY WAS DEFERRED TO NEXT SESSION PENDING MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION. LATIN AMERICA WAS NOT REPRESENTED ON COMITE DESPITE FACT THAT 3 SLOTS HAD BEEN RESERVED FOR LATINS, FACT WHICH OCCASIONED ADVERSE COMMENT BY SEVERAL REPS. THUS, THERE WAS NO SPONSOR FOR INTERJUV, NOR ANY SPOKESMAN TO DESCRIBE LA ACTIVITIES OF SEVERAL APPLICANT NGOS.

2. COMMENT

A. THIS SESSION OF THE NGO COMITE DIFFERED MARKEDLY FROM THE PAST IN THAT DECISIONS WERE MADE BY CONSENSUS AND FORMER PATTERN OF VOTING DOWN SOVIET BLOC WAS NOT REPEATED. LACK OF SPECIFICITY IN CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING CLASSIFICATION LED TO INCONSISTENT TREATMENT OF APPLICANTS AS EXEMPLIFIED BY CASE OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY.

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B. IN THIS INSTANCE AFRICAN REPS, GHANA, KENYA AND TUNISIA ABLY SUPPORTED BY REP OF OATUU, MADE IMPASSIONED AND SUCCESSFUL PLEA FOR CATEGORY I STATUS EVEN THOUGH OATUU IS NEWLY ESTABLISHED AND REGIONAL IN NATURE. PLEA WAS MADE ON GROUNDS THAT AFRICA IN GENERAL DESERVED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FROM UN AND THAT OATUU IN PARTICULAR DESERVED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BECAUSE IT ALONE COULD SPEAK FOR BLACK WORKERS IN SOUTH AFRICA. THIS APPEAL WAS SUPPORTED BY NETHERLANDS REP (CHAIRMAN), USSR AND JAPAN OVER PROTESTS FROM FRANCE AND US THAT CATEGORY I STATUS SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR TRULY INTERNATIONAL NGOS WHICH HAVE DEMONSTRATED CAPACITY WHILE IN LOWER CONSULTATIVE STATUS TO CONTRIBUTE TO WORK OF ECOSOC.

C. REP OF FRANCE STATED THAT BY ACCORDING CATEGORY I STATUS TO THIS NEW REGIONAL NGO COMITE HAD ESTABLISHED PRECEDENT WHETHER IT WISHED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT FACT OR NOT, AND CONCLUDED THAT IT NOW ONLY REMAINED FOR COMITE TO DETERMINE HOW IT WOULD DEAL IN

FUTURE WITH APPLICATIONS FOR CATEGORY I STATUS FROM REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN WESTERN EUROPE. OTHER MEMBERS, LED BY UK, STATED THAT MOVE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS EXCEPTIONAL AND NOT FUTURE PRECEDENT.

D. MUTUAL FORBEARANCE WHICH MARKED MEETING DISAPPEARED ON LAST DAY WHEN COMITE DISCUSSED HOW IT SHOULD REPORT PROPOSAL BY USYG BRADFORD MORSE TO CONSOLIDATE ECOSOC AND OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION STAFFS DEALING WITH NGOS INTO SINGLE STAFF UNDER HIS DIRECTION. SEPTTEL THIS SUBJECT FOLLOWS.

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